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On Fri, 1/22/10, Carla Wessells-Ackley <mbfunding@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Carla Wessells-Ackley <mbfunding@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fw: Share Care Transport, Inc

To: "Janice Schmeiding (SCPSC)" <janice.schmeiding@psc.sc.gov>, fbelser@regstaff.sc.gov, trisha.desanty@psc.sc.gov

Cc: "Henry Sherald" <henrysherald@hotmail.com>

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 9:09 AM

Dear Ms. Belser, Ms. Schmeiding, and Ms. DeSanty,

I spoke with Scott Higbee, Protestant re: 2010-27-T, and sent this email (see below) to him just afterwards to memorialize the discussion we had. I also forwarded him the documents I was faxing to the PSC on my client's request to amend areas served, then followed up with a phone call to him to ensure he had received all and was in agreement prior to faxing the request to amend in to the PSC. He stated he was in agreement and assured me he would have the letter rescinding his protest in to the PSC no later than 11:00am yesterday.

Unfortunately that didn't happen. I found that he not only did not send the letter rescinding his protest in by 11:00am, but in fact, was actively seeking support from at least one other transportation provider to recruit them in his protest and it is my understanding that it is his intent to keep the application in limbo for "two or more months".

That now being known to me, I would like to request the earliest possible time the commission shall have a hearing scheduled on this matter.

I can see no possible factual basis for Mr. Higbee's assertions that this will cause financial hardship on the staff or business of his or his accompanying protestants, SCM, LLC, Tropical Taxi, LLC as they do not have any core business in the area(s) my client seeks to serve, which is detailed by county on the request to amend. Contrary to his statements in his letter, there are serious transportation challenges in the areas my client seeks to serve for the public necessity and not enough quality TPs to meet the growing need of the the public. I fully intend to prove this to the commision.

I will follow up with a phone call to either Ms. DeSanty or Ms. Schmeiding later this morning to see what I need to do to expedite this as my client, a disadvantaged business owner, will certainly begin to become financially distressed and his staff of six will lose their jobs should Mr. Higbee's manipulations with no regard to the public good continue for no just cause.

Thank you. I am,

Sincerely,

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--- On Wed, 1/20/10, Carla Wessells-Ackley <mbfunding@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 6:21 PM

Dear Scott,

Thank you for taking the time with me to discuss my client's intentions and your coalition of providers and its goals. As we discussed, as far as ambulatory transports, SCT is not interested in Horry County and we are dedicating our fleet to Charleston at this time. I am well aware of the overabundance of TPs in this particular county for ambulatory and, in fact, would like to join your organization to protect those of us who are looking to fulfill the need without destroying the providers who are dependent on a shrinking pie when new providers come in.

That said and as we agreed, I fully intend to apply on behalf of SCT for wheelchair and stretcher van in May. As we discussed, I will be requesting "statewide" on my client's Stretcher Van application and amending my Non-Emergency Charter at that time to add this region for wheelchair.

I will contact the PSC to amend the counties for this application at this time. I will speak with you in the morning to make sure we are on the same page. Thank you very much and it was my pleasure to speak with you. I think we are all on the same page and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Best regards,

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